

May 31, 2012

Media Contact:
NDDOT Communications (701) 328-4444

US Highway 85 south of Watford City temporarily closed during nighttime hours for bridge repair beginning June 4

On Monday, June 4, the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) along with the North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) will temporarily close US Hwy 85, about 14 miles south of Watford City (at the Long X Bridge) to **all** traffic during the nighttime hours of **7 p.m. to 7 a.m.** Central Daylight Time (CDT). The temporary closure will allow crews to complete the permanent repair on the structure, which was damaged recently by an over-height load which impacted the bridge. Traffic will be allowed during the daytime hours from **7 a.m. until 7 p.m.** (CDT). Motorists should be advised that only legal load limits are allowed on the roadway. The closure is expected to last approximately 10 days, at which time traffic will return to normal.

During the daytime hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CDT

- Normal two way traffic is allowed
- 105,500 lbs. Gross Vehicle Weight, No overweight permits allowed

During the nighttime closure of 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. CDT

- Trucks will need to take an alternative route
- Long distant truck permits will be routed to US Highway 83 and US Hwy 2
- Cars and light trucks can take the following signed detour during the nighttime hours:
 - Southbound traffic take ND 23 east of Watford City to ND 22, then south on ND 22 to ND 200 then west to US 85
 - Northbound traffic take ND 200 south of Grassy Butte east to ND 22, then north on ND 22 to ND 23, then west to US 85

Motorists are encouraged to use caution in the area by reducing speeds and obeying flaggers and posted signs. For information on load restrictions and road closures, please go to www.dot.nd.gov.